



Above: Engineer, Michael Wallwork, P.E. , and staff conduct a preliminary field review. Below, Waimanalo residents go over the problems and issues, and begin the process of selecting effective tools.

Summary

The purpose of this process was to identify problems and issues, come up with workable solutions, and— most important — develop a sense of ownership and commitment by residents to solve the problems that affect their safety, property values and quality of life. It is a citizen's hands-on program, working with government officials. Your input is essential to success.

Next Steps

The process used to date has led to consensus building, workable solutions, and an effective partnership between the county and the neighborhood. The following additional steps are recommended. Following these steps provides assurance that issues will be properly addressed, costs minimized, and results will have their maximum effect. If ownership of the problems is still weak or lacking, don't give up. The following steps are vital.

- (1) Form a Manana Neighborhood Transportation Task Team. This can be an independent group, which advises the neighborhood board or part of their committee structure. This team can be formed during the presentation of the final report. The team should consist of 6-12 members who will pledge to meet regularly to help refine the plan and work through implementation strategies with city staff.
- (2) The neighborhood association or the transportation task team can also survey local residents (door to door) to share copies of this report, and to gain added insight and support. The Manana Neighborhood appears to have a strong sense of community. For this reason other effective means of continuing building consensus might be to conduct Open Houses at an area residence or hold a block party or other event.
- (3) To see visible changes immediately, residents should begin by being more cautious with their own driving in the neighborhood. Several members of the community suggested that it was not Kuahaka Street residents that were speeding. This might be true, but it would be a very rare circumstance. Kuahaka is a two-lane road so motorists may only drive as fast as the prudent driver.
- (4) Once a construction budget is allocated, schedule final engineering and contract improvements.
- (5) Several of the recommendations included new landscaping features. The Transportation Task Team should work with their neighborhoods to determine who will care for the new treatments.